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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AND  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections presented in the Office Action of June 30, 2008. This response is submitted with a Petition for Extension of Time for 3 months and proper fees therefor. If any other fees are due in connection with this application, the Patent Office is authorized to deduct the fees from Deposit Account No. 19-1351. If such withdrawal is made, please indicate the attorney docket number (54679-400100) on the account statement.

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